It may be seen from the above table that the wheat production has been fluctuating from year to year during the last 5 years between 65.8 and 72.5 million tonnes.

(b) The shortfall in domestic production is one of the reasons for the high wheat prices. The decline in world production of wheat and the consequent increase in international prices also affected the domestic prices of wheat.

(c) During the year 2006-07, the major seven wheat importing countries alongwith the estimated quantity imported are given below:

(Million Tonnes)

Country	Wheat Imported
Brazil	7.8
Egypt	7.0
European Union	7.0
India	6.5
Japan	5.3
Algeria	4.6
Indonesia	4.8

Source: FAO "Food Outlook No. 2 December 2006.

From the above table, it may be seen that India is the 4th largest wheat importing country during 2006-07.

Investment in R&D sector

1188. SHRI MOINUL HASSAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the 1999 report of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) which says that an additional 100 billion rupees if invested in agricultural R&D would increase productivity growth by 6.98 per cent; and

(b) if so, how much amount of money, so far, invested in agricultural R&D during the last five years and the impact in productivity growth in agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Department is aware of the research findings of the IFPRI study.

(b) The Plan and Non-plan allocations made by the Department of Agriculture Research and Education during the last five years are as under:—

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Plan	Non-Plan	Total
2001-02	684	700.30	1384.30
2002-03	775	723.80	1498.80
2003-04	775	735.92	1510.92
2004-05	1000	753.31	1753.31
2005-06	1150	792.00	1942.00
2006-07	1350	810.00	2160.00

The increase in productivity of foodgrains during 2000-01 to 2004-05 varied from 16.26 quintals/hectare to 17.31 quintals/hectare. Similarly, during the same period the milk production rose from 80.6 million tonnes to 91.0 million tonnes.

The impact in egg production varied from 36.6 billion eggs to 41.0 billion eggs in the same period.

The fish production enhanced from 56.56 lakh tonnes to 64.0 lakh tonnes during the same period.

Dairy development

1189. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of amount to be spent on dairy development out of the funds allocated for agricultural development during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) the amount proposed to be allocated to the Andhra Pradesh in this regard; and